



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parents evening meetings this week. These meetings are a vital opportunity for your class teachers to share your child's progress with you and also for you to look at your child's work. One Plan meetings are taking place after half-term and the system is live to book those meetings. If you are having any difficulties, please contact the school office.

PE Kit

Please be reminded that for PE your child should be wearing **black trainers only**, we are seeing lots of children in coloured trainers. Please support our school by ensuring your child is dressed in the correct uniform at all times.

Smart Phone Free Childhood

Parent pact signatures are now at 98 so we are still 2nd on the leader board which is amazing! Here is a quote from the smart phone free website.

Disagreements between pupils used to stop at the school gate, now they follow kids wherever they go, 24/7. Young people who experience cyberbullying are twice as likely to attempt suicide and self-harm. One in six teens report being cyberbullied in the past month, according to the World Health Organisation.

Andy Day Visit

We are very excited to let you know that CBBC star Andy Day will be visiting our school on 27th February for an interactive assembly with the children. The assembly will include a brief talk on dinosaurs, an interactive quiz, a little explanation about Andy's new book and Andy will even perform a song for the children! Please click on the link below if you would like to pre-order any of Andy's books.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/andy-day-school-5-tickets-1230681795379?aff=oddtcreator>

World Book Day

The PTFA will be running a costume sale for World Book Day and are looking for donations please. If you have any book character costumes that no longer fit your child that you would like to donate, please drop them into the office before 26th Feb.

Active Essex

For those parents that are eligible for free club places with Active Essex, vouchers are not released for half term holidays just the main holidays: Easter, Summer and Winter. For half-terms parents' book directly with the club. Our school also now has an automatic release for the main holidays so these are not issued by the school, they come directly from Active Essex.

If you click below you will be able to book clubs for half term on the Active Essex website.

<https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/>

Sports News

A brilliant afternoon of fun at the Hockey Festival despite the cold weather. Children from years 3&4 thoroughly enjoyed this event learning more skills about the game of hockey.



Reminder:

After half-term, all school clubs will be resuming.

EYFS, year 1 and year 2 will be taking part in a drama workshop on Wednesday 26th February. I can't wait to see you all in your 'Under the sea' inspired clothes.

Have a lovely and restful half term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday, 24th February.

Mrs Branton



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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Aaliyah, Arthur W, Mia, Lincoln, Tommy P*



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – fierce

Beech – disappointing

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - ferocious

Chestnut - extraordinary

Pine – enthusiastic

Oak - variation

Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



Well done to the core value pupil from Chestnut class who received this week's award for teamwork in the celebration assembly.



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Lunch Menu 24th February 2025

WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing: 24th February 2025					
<i>Week 2: 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 24th Feb, 17th Mar, 7th Apr, 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th Jun, 30th Jun, 21st Jul. Subject to change</i>					
Main Meal RED	Beef Bolognese & Penne Pasta Bake	Chicken & Vegetable Paella	Honey Roast Gammon with Gravy	Curried Beef & Vegetables with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti (Ve)	Vegan Spiced Squash & Potato Samosa (Ve)	Vegan Bombay Chickpea Burrito (Ve)	Vegan Vegetable Chickpea Ragu with Penne Pasta (V)	Vegan Boston BBQ 3 Bean Stew with Baked Jackets (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Cauliflower & Green Beans (Ve)	Carrots & Peas (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Broccoli & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Baked Beans & Peas (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Maryland Cookie (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Carrot & Apple Flapjack (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Banana & Cinnamon Sponge (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cherry Shortbread (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) – Suitable for Vegetarians (Ve) – Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					

Diary Dates

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Please note dates and times are **subject to change**, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

	SPRING TERM 2025
17 th February 2025	Half-Term week
25 th February 2025	Holly One Plan meetings am
26 th February 2025	Elm One Plan meetings am
26 th February 2025	Drama 4 All – Splash Under the Sea themed workshops for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 EYFS/ KS1 dress-up under the sea theme
27 th February 2025	Road Safety Holly and Pine Class
27 th February 2025	Whitebeam One Plan meetings am
27 th February 2025	Road Safety – EYFS and Year 5
28 th February 2025	Beech Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
28 th February 2025	Pine One Plan meetings am
5 th March 2025	Beech One Plan meetings am
6 th March 2025	World Book Day- dress up as a book character
7 th March 2025	Pine Class Assembly
11 th March 2025	Whitebeam One Plan meetings am Chestnut One Plan meetings pm
11 th March 2025	EYFS Maths Workshop 2-3pm
13 th March 2025	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:00am
13 th March 2025	Beech One Plan meetings am
13 th March 2025	Young Carers Action Day
14 th March 2025	Oak Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
Week of 17 th March 2025	Science Week
17 th March 2025	Oak One Plan meetings pm
18 th March 2025	Parent Coffee afternoon 2:40pm- Chestnut Class Performance & KS2 choir
18 th March 2025	Oak One Plan meetings pm
20 th March 2025	Science Day
21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day – further information to follow
21 st March 2025	Whitebeam visit to Hutton View
21 st March 2025	Whitebeam Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
25 th March 2025	Holly and Elm visit to St Peter's Church
27 th March 2025	Mothering Sunday afternoon tea and cakes for Whitebeam, Chestnut, Pine and Oak class- after school in the hall. More information to follow.
28 th March 2025	Mother's Day assembly for Holly, Elm and Beech Class parents at 09:15am in the hall
31 st March 2025	Stone Age Workshop – Whitebeam Class
31 st March 2025	Rocksteady Concert 2.20pm
4 th April 2025	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
4 th April 2025	Last Day of Term

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FEB 17TH - 21ST NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS **FEBRUARY HALF TERM** 9am-4pm

TECH CAMP

Ofsted Registered

FEBRUARY CAMPS 2025

£39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-11

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE www.nextthing.education

SCAN FOR LOCATIONS MAP

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS **FEB HALF TERM 2025** 17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY 2025

Coding & Robots | Circuitry & Inventions | Creative Technology | Expert Engineers | Media Madness

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES
AGES 5 - 11 MULTI DAY BOOKING DISCOUNTS!

What Parents Say

"Absolutely Fantastic! First time attending & my son loved it!"

★★★★★

HOW TO BOOK

STEP 1 SCAN THE QR CODE

STEP 2 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3 BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED

W: WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION
E: INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150

FEB CRASH COURSE

Lessons available for all ages and abilities, from 3 years old at St Peters School Brentwood

£25 FOR 4 DAYS HALF PRICE

CALL TO FIND MORE:
03335776362
www.allaboutswimming.co.uk

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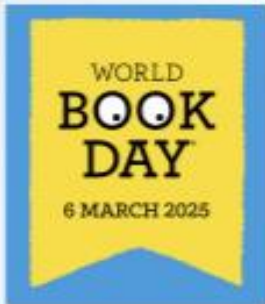


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WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY PTFA



DONATIONS NEEDED



WE ARE LOOKING FOR WORLD
BOOK DAY THEMED COSTUMES IN
GOOD CLEAN CONDITION
PLEASE BRING ANY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
AND LABEL FOR THE PTFA BETWEEN NOW AND
26 FEBRUARY 2025



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Scan me to book

Valentines Afternoon Tea

19th

£10 Adults

FEB

£7 Children

2-4PM

PRICE INCLUDES: A SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, CAKES, SCONES AND
UNLIMITED TEA AND COFFEE



ST PETER'S CHURCH, CLAUGHTON WAY, HUTTON, CM13 1JS



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The poster features a dark blue background with a green apple character in the 'A' of 'ACTIVate'. Logos for ActiveEssex and Essex County Council are in the top corners. A central blue banner contains the main text. Below are details for six activity clubs, each with a title, location, contact info, and dates.

ActiveEssex **Essex ACTIVate** **Essex County Council**

FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUBS IN BRENTWOOD!
Essex ActivAte helps to support eligible children and families during the school holidays and half term breaks, through free engaging and fun activities. Contact one of our clubs to book a space!

Jack Of All Sports (4-12 years)
Bentley St Pauls C of E - Pilgrims Hatch, CM15 9SE
jackofallsports@btinternet.com / 07919888093
17th - 21st Feb (9am-3pm)

HCL Activity Camps (4-11yrs)
Hutton Community Centre, Harrison Close, Hutton. CM13 1LP
info@hollowaycoaching.co.uk / 0777874029
18th, 19th and 20th Feb (9am-3:15pm)

SportsCool (4-11 years)
Holly Trees Primary School, Vaughan Williams Way, Brentwood, CM14 5RY
westessex@sportscool.org / 07935535292
19th - 21st Feb (9am-1pm)

SportsCool SEND Level 1-2 (4-11 years)
Holly Trees Primary School, Vaughan Williams Way, Brentwood, CM14 5RY
westessex@sportscool.org / 07935535292
19th - 21st Feb (9am-1pm)

Kazen Kai AEF Outreach (11-16 years)
The Martial Arts Centre, Bannister Drive, Hutton, CM13 1YX
juliemc@kazenkai.com / 01277262800
Tuesday 18th Feb (10 - 3pm)

Brentwood Boxing Club AEF (11+ years)
Doddinghurst Road, Pilgrims Hatch, CM15 9NN Email to book
brentwoodcentral21@gmail.com / 07930903442
Tue 18th and Wed 19th Feb (10am-12pm)

Find out more: activessex.org



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Hanging Hill
Brentwood Express



Registered Charity:
1046576

We've been chosen as a charity to receive a grant from Tesco Stronger Starts.

We need your help to maximise how much we receive!

The grant will be used to support the Breakfast and After School Club with groceries. The clubs are vital to the children and families accessing this service.

**Between now and
31 March 2025**

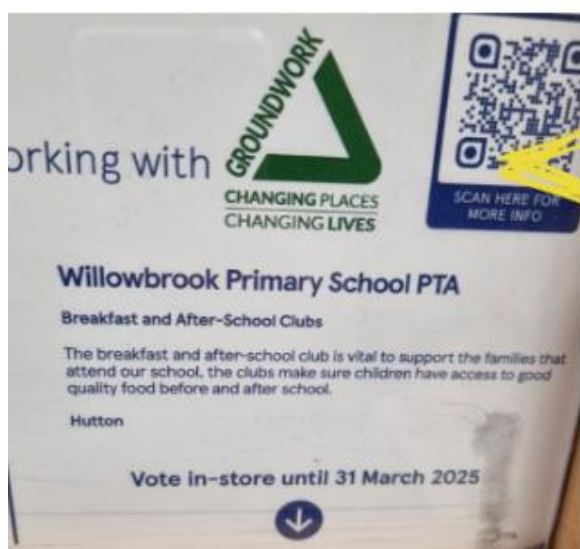
The charity that receives the **most** tokens will receive **£1,500!**

This is the one we want...

FIRST PLACE!

Second: £1,000. Third: £500.

Every time you shop at Tesco Hanging Hill Lane ask for a blue token and put into the box for Willowbrook PTA.



This one!





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Willowbrook PTFA ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUIZ NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025

Venue: School hall

Doors open 19:30

Quiz starts 20:00

This is a bring your own alcohol/drinks and snacks event, however we will have a small selection of alcohol and soft drinks to buy on the night too.

Teams of up to 6 persons (min. 4 persons) @£5 per person
Want to play and don't have a team? - Don't worry email us and we'll match you up!

Closing date for entries Friday 7th March

Team entry forms available from the school office

Willowbrook Primary School PTFA
Registered Charity: 1046576
Rosen Crescent, Hutton, CM13 2TU

pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

Strictly adults only event



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WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023/2024

Thursday 27 February 2025

9am - 10.30am

Venue: School

Everyone is welcome to attend our
AGM meeting.

Come along and find out what we have
done in the past year and vote in your
Committee members.



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ONESTY

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A Willowbrook winner every Saturday!

Sign up and set up a direct debit for our weekly lottery and you will be in with the chance to win some cash!

Some of our Willowbrook supporters have won over 5 times!



1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY



2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Willowbrook School supporter cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot



scan me!

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Willowbrook Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



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PRE-LOVED UNIFORM AVAILABLE

All items donated to the PTFA are thoroughly checked and washed.

We don't have prices for any items, we are happy to provide uniform to save families money and reduce clothing waste.

If you do however wish to make a cash donation to our PTFA charity, it is always appreciated.



Contact the school office or the PTFA directly

Whatsapp: 07928 121 250

email: pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

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CHARITY:
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Easy ways to support us



We are registered with Give a Little to accept **online donations** direct to our charity account.

Donate here:
bit.ly/3LF8quY



scan me!



Give as you Live Online

Raise **FREE** donations for Willowbrook Primary School PTA when you shop 6,000+ stores online using Give as you Live Online!
<https://bit.ly/3PS4IEy>



Generate **FREE** donations for us when you shop your favourite retailers online



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**CORPORATE
VOLUNTEERING**

One of our Willowbrook parents recently volunteered at an event for a few hours and their company has just deposited **£500** into our Willowbrook PTFA account!



We are a registered charity so do please check your firm's policies.

**COMPANY
MATCH
FUNDING**

**ESV
EMPLOYER-
SUPPORTED
VOLUNTEERING**

Does the business you work for support charities by perhaps matching donations or allowing you paid time off work to volunteer?

Sponsorship for items is also a valuable way businesses can contribute.



Oct 2024